

City of Redmond Parks and Trails Commission Meeting

Anderson Park
Adair House
Thursday, September 1, 2016

6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Park Tour
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Parks & Trails Chair and Vice Chair Present

Chair Aaron Knopf
Vice Chair Joel Cherkis

Commissioners Present

Tom Sanko
Heather Sheffer
Gregg Gottgetreu
Gary Smith
Shailee Jain

Commissioners Absent

Tanika Kumar Padhye

Staff Present

Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning & Cultural Services Division Manager
David Shaw, Sr. Park Planner
Sharon Sato, Parks Planning & Cultural Arts Office Coordinator

Guests

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I. Call to order/Welcome

Chair Knopf called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. welcoming guest, commissioners and staff members.

Approval of Minutes – August 2016

Motion by Commissioner Sheffer to approve the August minutes
Second by Commissioner Smith
Motion carried: 7-0

Approval of the September 2016 Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Sheffer to accept the September agenda

Second by Commissioner Smith

Motion carried: 7-0

II. Items from the Audience

None

III. Project Updates

A. PARCC Plan Recap from Council Study Session (Handout) - Hope

Ms. Hope gave a brief summary of the staff's presentation to City Council in August. Council handouts included the Commission's rating criteria discussion and the draft final CIP (long-term and short-term) projects. The Commission had approved and proposed the short term projects on the CIP list. The list contained projects, project costs and trails. Small capital projects were not included on the list.

Council needs further information and evaluation before they will move forward.

Ms. Hope noted that the tree canopy issue was a topic of conversation and that Councilman Stilin expressed interest in moving the cultural center up on the list.

At a future meeting staff will bring back the draft PARCC Plan so commissioners can make comments for Planning Commission review consideration.

B. Redmond Central Connector, Ph. II - Shaw

Mr. Shaw gave a brief update on the progress of the project to date.

- Week of 9/5 – Concrete pour on footings at each end of bridge
- Sammamish River Trail – intermittently detoured while work is in progress
- Concrete panels installed on top of bridge beginning 4-6 weeks to install
- Interpretive panels – team working on online content to support the graphics
- Mayor and City Council request – recognition plaque located somewhere on bridge, staff is working the designer and contractor on where to locate plaque
- 90th and 95th Trail - currently building fish culvert (Willows Creek diverted)

- Ties on top of the trestle were replaced – concrete added to the trestle bridge flooring

C. Downtown Park - Hope

Ms. Hope gave an update on the site work currently in progress:

- Removal of peat - to remove unstable soils – 14' of soil has been removed to date – fill source has been located
- Photos of work as it progresses – time lapse
- 90% plans have been received and reviewed by staff
- Re-evaluate the E-pay deck layout
- Minor modifications/tweaks to splash pads and KC permits
- Working with artist and structural engineer
- Reduce number of rods in the waterwall
- Field trip to Seattle to see mockup of waterwall - at end of month
- Modify structural design on pavilion
- January - Ad for contractor bids – DT Park construction (main contract)

D. Community & Aquatics Center – Hope (handout)

Ms. Hope gave a brief update on the Community & Aquatic Center process. She reported that EnviroIssues has been hired as the consultant to lead in the study and process.

Ms. Hope reviewed:

- Schedule to date
- Ph. I Recreation Building Master Plan recommendations
- 2013 Facilities Assessment Study (Condition Assessment & Facility Condition Index)
- Ph. II Recreation Building Master Plan – 2014
- LWSD Bone Measure – 2016
- Facilities Strategic Plan – 2016
- Opportunities – partnerships, efficient use of resources, evaluate broad range of needs (fitness, pool, community gather place, arts)
- Public engagement
 - Stakeholders – user groups, community members, service providers, potential new partners, business community, commission representatives, faith & community groups, arts & cultural groups
 - Multi-media outreach – Website, social media
 - Third party facilitator – EnviroIssues
 - Stakeholders go to the people
 - Goal – less bureaucratic, welcoming, invitations to meet with community group in their places or neighborhood
- Timeline (public engagement)
 - Phase I
 - Fall 2016 – Awareness and Education

- Fall/Winter 2016 – Now or Later Conversation
- Winter 2017 - Community Spoke & We Listened
- Phase II
 - Spring 2017 - Alternatives

She reported that the consultant would put together a report of all pertinent information and present it to the stakeholders group for their input before presenting before city council.

IV. Commission Committee Updates

Projects

- Hartman Park – Batting Cage Renovation
 - Staff is in the process performing a major overhaul
 - Slightly larger in size
 - Fencing and surface material replaced
 - Complete in October
 - Minor improvements to landscaping and path to batting cages
- Tosh Creek Watershed Project – 159th Street Vault Project
 - Newsletter for neighbors on project update
 - Two meetings in September – 14th and 28th
 - Staff will discuss different reiterations

Committee Discussions

- Outreach – (Commissioners Sanko, Jain Gottgetreu) (PowerPoint)
 - Focus
 - Existing list of projects actively tracking – involvement to inform commission understand and engage
 - Advocating missed opportunities or reprioritization of backlogged projects
 - Ensure the community is heard for planned or projects in progress
 - A better process or method that would ensure better communication (understanding and advise on projects) with the city council
 - Looking at large projects and issues that impact project usage in other ways
 - Support from other committees to create opportunities or representation at council meetings
 - Projects and issues of interest to the commission and relevant to the community:
 - Tamarack Park
 - Smith Woods
 - Redmond Community Center - ORSCC
 - RCC Phase II
 - Downtown Park
 - Overlake Village

- Operations projects
 - Redmond Community & Aquatics Center
- Budget/Policy – (Chair Knopf and Commissioner Sheffer) (Handout)
 - Mission Statement – maximize partnerships, creative funding sources and resources, opportunities to advance or improve to accomplish with the guidance of staff, PARCC Plan, the Commission and other park resources
 - City meetings attendance – conduit for information to commission – relevant to Parks projects
 - Alignment of budget and policy
 - Meeting with Mayor mid-October to propose model “friend of” groups, matching grants, individual contribution – funding opportunities
- Events – (Co-Chair Cherkis, Commissioner Padhye)
 - Topics
 - Connecting better in feed-back loops – new and existing
 - Awareness of events – Redmond LOOP, Derby Days, Big Truck Day, etc...commission representation at events
 - Ideas through driving additional events through Parks & Trails Commission – park open house, co-hosting neighborhood events with other departments
 - Constructive and creative

V. Commission Talk Time

Commissioner Interviews

Chair Knopf and staff interviewed three candidates for the vacancy on the commission. The director and Chair Knopf will meet with the candidates and forward their recommendation to the mayor. Selection will be based on which candidate will best represent the community’s needs.

There is currently one commission vacancy and two youth advocate vacancies open.

Idylwood Park – Kokanee Presentation (Commissioner Smith)

Commissioner Smith brought a replica of a sign that is currently up at Idylwood Park. The sign is located at the park to educate the public about the Kokanee Salmon that lives in Lake Sammamish.

Commissioner Smith would like the sign located closer to fishing areas readily visible to fishermen. The sign specifically illustrates that Kokanee Salmon are not to be caught or taken from Lake Sammamish.

Commissioner Smith will work with Park Operations staff to see if the sign, currently at the park, can be relocated closer to the fishing area.

Tree at Idylwood Park Location

Chair Knopf noted that there had been reports that a developer would like to remove a tree at Idylwood Park.

Commissioner Sanko reported that the tree was not located on park property and that a permit would be necessary to cut it down, however the tree has been designated as a significant tree and needed to be reviewed by city officials in the process of getting a tree cutting permit. To date no cutting permit has been applied for.

Youth Advocate Applications

Chair Knopf requested that applications for Youth Advocates be distributed through participants of Green Redmond.

Commissioner Sanko noted that Redmond High School has a weekly e-mail newsletter that would be a good place to advertise for a youth advocate.

Announcements

Ms. Hope announced that Mark Hickok, Recreation Division Manager, has resigned his position and will be relocating to another city for his new job.

Katie Anderson, Deputy Director, will be retiring on November 2, 2016. The city is now in the process of advertising for candidates for the Deputy Director position. The new deputy will manage Recreation and focused on business operations, cost recovery, and operating procedures.

Community Events

Community Conversation

October 3, 2016

Horace Mann Elementary

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

October 9, 2016

LOOP Shuttle dedication

Strategic Plans and Initiatives

Ms. Hope inquired if the commission would like to have staff from other departments come to future meetings to give updates on their department's plans and initiatives. The commissioners concurred that this is an excellent idea and agreed it would help familiarize them with other department projects.

She reported that Human Services has set forth an initiative regarding homelessness in Redmond.

Sound Transit (ST) at SR520

Ms. Hope reported that ST has selected a consultant for preliminary engineering. Redmond, King County and WSDOT recently met with ST to give input on their

scope of work (bridge from SE Redmond to connect to the East Lake Sammamish Trail to the RCC, connections from SE Redmond to Marymoor Park, etc...).

Ms. Hope reported that she would ask Jeff Churchill, Project Manager from Planning and Community Development, to give a report at the October meeting.

VI. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Sanko

Second by Commissioner Smith

Motion carried: 7-0

8:22 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

16600 NE 80th Street

Redmond, WA.